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CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL STATUS STATE .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria adopted for declaration of special status State;

(b) The State governments which have sent proposals to the Union Government for declaration of special status State during the last three years; and

(c) The details of action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Special Category status is accorded by a decision of the National Development Council to States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with under-developed socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base taking into account also the non-viable nature of State finances and overall economic backwardness.

(b) & (c): No formal proposal has been considered regarding granting special category status to any State other than the existing States, for placing it before the National Development Council during the last three years.